News release

More storms on the way

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This week's heavy thunderstorms have already brought havoc to many areas of the country. Flash flooding hit many towns and cities, more than 100 flights at Heathrow were cancelled and the River Thames suffered pollution. But Met Office forecasters are warning of the prospect of more to come as hot weather and severe thunderstorms sweep across much of western Europe from Sunday.

The areas considered to be at greatest risk in the UK are Wales, the west country and central parts of England, but the storms are likely to extend further east through Monday and Tuesday. Further disruption in places is inevitable owing to torrential rain, hail and squally winds.

The Met Office is advising people travelling or planning outdoor activities to stay tuned to weather broadcasts for up-to-the-minute developments on the situation.

Notes to editors:

Selected rainfall figures from last week
24 hours ending 18:00 3 Aug - 46.8 mm (1.84 inches) Pershore, Worcs
24 hours ending 18:00 4 Aug - 61.8 mm (2.43 inches) Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway
42.4 mm (1.67 inches) fell in one hour at High Wycombe on 3 Aug

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